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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"Around the world, forward-deployed submarines are developing a more complete awareness of the maritime domain in the event of a future conflict. As a forward deployed force, submarines are in position and ready to quickly engage in combat operations."

—VADM John J. Donnelly, Commander, Submarine Force

Around the world, the Navy is executing the six core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy – forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster response.

Deterrence

- USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735) returned to Bangor, Wash., on Sept. 26 following the completion of her 60th strategic deterrent patrol. The patrol also marked the 500th strategic deterrent patrol of the Ohio-class submarine Trident II D5 Strategic Weapons System.
- Pearl Harbor-based Aegis destroyer, USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) intercepted a ballistic missile target over the Pacific Ocean Nov. 1 during Fleet Exercise Pacific Blitz. This was the first fleet operational firing to employ the Standard Missile-3 against a ballistic missile target.

Power Projection

- USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) is conducting operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from the North Arabian Sea. Carrier Air Wing missions are flown in direct support of coalition ground forces in Afghanistan. We are providing an opportunity for the government of Afghanistan to establish a secure foundation for democracy in their nation and help bring security and stability to the people of Afghanistan.

Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- USS Shiloh (CG 67) arrived in Hong Kong Oct. 26 to participate in Hong Kong Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) 2008. SAREX is an annual exercise in search and rescue techniques designed to share information and innovations between U.S. forces and Hong Kong's Government Flying Service.
- USS Mustin (DDG 89) paid a four-day visit to Sihanoukville, Cambodia Oct. 11-14. U.S. Navy personnel conducted medical and dental projects in conjunction with local personnel and non-governmental organizations. Crewmembers also assisted Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 with engineering projects.

Building Maritime Partnerships

- Oct. 18-26, U.S. and Dutch naval forces participated in Tactical Development Exercise 08-08 in the Cape Cod operating area. Participants included USS Dallas (SSN 700), USS Nicholas (FFG 47), HNLMS Walrus (SSK S802) and HNLMS Zeven Provinciën (FFG F802). During the eight-day exercise, a number of torpedoes were employed to evaluate U.S. tactics and weapons against a modern diesel-electric submarine in a challenging environment.
- USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) is in the Black Sea conducting Black Sea Partnership Cruise, an annual initiative designed to strengthen ongoing partnerships and increase interoperability with Black Sea nations.
- USS Elrod (FFG 55) concluded a port visit to Lomé, Togo where the crew conducted professional military and maritime training with members of the Togo military in support of Africa Partnership Station.

Status of the Navy (as of 4 November)

Navy Personnel	
Total Active Component	332,436
Total Reserve Component	123,159
DoN Civilians	184,461

Ships, Submarines & Aircraft	
Total deployable ships/subs	283
Ship underway	120 (42%)
Subs underway	31 (57%)
Ships deployed	99 (35%)
Subs deployed	20 (37%)
Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+

Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR

Countries ≥400	AC	RC
Iraq	5,134	1,169
Bahrain	2,652	65
Kuwait	1,401	509
Afghanistan	1,778	314
Qatar	592	48
Total on ground, all countries	14,003	

Sailors at Sea by AOR

NAVCENT/C5F	9,439
PACFLT	15,000
NAVSOUTH/C4F	2,038
C2F	6,630
CNE-C6F	1,759

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